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Inquiry: Who has the legal right to terminate, refuse, or transfer treatment when the patient is a minor? (i.e. the patient is on an apnea monitor and the patient's mom requests that we, the durable medical company and respiratory therapist pick up the equipment without previous discharge from doctor.) By law, is the mom authorized or does the doctor have the final or only authorization to discontinue and discharge?

Response: Please be advised that this inquiry is unrelated to the scope of practice of a licensed respiratory care practitioner. The RCB advises that you review this matter with competent legal counsel.

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